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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE EUROPE

EUR/EE FOR AMBASSADOR HERZ; USIA FOR IEE, IOP

1. BULGARIAN TELEVISION (BTV) IS CARRYING FOUR-PART SERIES ON RFE ENTITLED "FREE EUROPE", WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BULGARIAN BROADCASTS. FIRST TWO PARTS WERE TELECAST LAST WEEK; LATTER TWO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK (MAY 20 AND 21).

2. FIRST PROGRAM WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO HISTORY AND METHODS OF OPERATION OF RFE. PROGRAM IDENTIFIED "GODFATHERS" OF RFE AS INCLUDING GEORGE KENNAN, "FIVE FORMER LEADING EMPLOYEES OF STATE DEPARTMENT, FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY, AT-THAT-TIME ASSISTANT DEFENSE SECRETARY, THREE ADMIRALS AND GENERALS, AND FORMER USIA DIRECTOR SCHRAYDER (PHONETIC)". LATTER IS IDENTIFIED AS "FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF MITCHELL BROADCASTING SYSTEM,.....ONE OF REPUBLICANS' PROMINENT EXPERTS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE". OTHERS WERE NOT IDENTIFIED.

3. TELECAST CLAIMED RFE OFFICES IN MUNICH ARE  
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"ONLY EXECUTIVE CENTER; DECISIONS COME FROM NEW

YORK. BUT EVEN CHIEFS OF FREE EUROPE, INC.,  
DO NOT ISSUE DIRECTIVES. ORDERS ARE SENT TO EUROPE  
ONLY AFTER APPROVAL BY AND WITH COOPERATION  
OF USIA".

4. FIRST TELECAST ALLEGED THAT RFE PERSONNEL COLLECT  
INFORMATION WHICH IS DELIVERED TO U.S. EMBASSY IN  
SOFIA AND THEN SENT "IN A DIPLOMATIC WAY" TO MUNICH.

5. SECOND TELECAST DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO "AUTO-  
BIOGRAPHIES" AND SOME PICTURES OF PERSONNEL IN RFE  
BULGARIAN SECTION.

6. BOTH PROGRAMS REPEATEDLY MENTIONED RFE-CIA TIES,  
WITH CLEAR IMPLICATION RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES.

7. EMBASSY IS RECORDING SOUND PORTIONS OF TELECASTS  
AND WILL FORWARD TAPES TO EUR/EE FOLLOWING FINAL  
PROGRAM.

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